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In re Patent Application of: Jonathan Morris GOLD et al.

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For: CHILD SAFETY SEAT

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### LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application on December 22, 2005, attached hereto is an copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/409) that should be made of record in the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P0076	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See item 4 below		
International application No. PCT/EP2004/006775	International filing date (day/month/year) 23 June 2004 (23.06.2004)	Priority date (day/month/year) 25 June 2003 (25.06.2003)		
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237				
Applicant CATALYST DEVELOPMENTS (EUROPE) LIMITED				

1.	This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).				
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.				
	In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.				
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	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability			
	Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention				
	Box No. V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
	Box No. VI Certain documents cited				
	Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application				
	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application			
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1.	This opinion contains indic	ations relating to the fol	lowing items:			
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2.	FURTHER ACTION					
If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notifed the International Bureau under Rule 66.1 bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.						
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# WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No. PCT/EP2004/006775

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1.	. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was field, unless otherwise indicated under this item.				
		iai	nis opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following inguage—, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search index Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).		
2.	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:				
	a. t	ype	of material:		
			a sequence listing		
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	ĺ		contained in the international application as filed.		
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	I		furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.		
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1	Additional comments:				

	Box No. II Priority							
1.	. ☑ The following document has not been furnished:							
	copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).							
	☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).							
	Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.							
2.	This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43 <i>bis</i> .1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.							
3.	Add	itional o	observations, if neces	sary:				
	Box	No. V	Reasoned statem	ent und	er Rule 43/	bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or a supporting such statement		
1.	Stat	ement						
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	1407	City (14)		No:	Claims	1-4,6,8,10,15-17,33-36		
Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 9, 21, 30, 31					9, 21, 30, 31			
				No:	Claims	1-8,10-20,22-29,32-36		
	Indu	ıstrial a	pplicability (IA)	Yes: No:	Claims Claims	1-36		
2.	Cita	itions a	nd explanations					

see separate sheet

#### Re Item V.

1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:

D1: DE 195 40 962 A (LEGENSTEIN WALTER WILLY) 7 May 1997

D2: FR 2 680 734 A (BABY RELAX SNC) 5 March 1993

D3: US 6 439 660 B1 (GUENTHER JOHN) 27 August 2002

D4: DE 100 15 427 C (FAURECIA AUTOSITZE GMBH &; CO) 30 August 2001

D5: FR 2 829 448 A (AM CONCEPT) 14 March 2003

### 2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT. Document D1 discloses (column 5, line 25 - column 6, line 6; figures 9, 10): a child safety seat for use with a vehicle seat comprising:

a cradle (72-75, 79) arranged for secure fitting to said vehicle seat, said cradle (72-75, 79) having a base part (72-75) and an upright support part (79);

a turntable (70, 71), rotationally mounted to said base part (72-75) of said cradle (72-75, 79); and

a seat shell, mounting on said turntable (70, 71) such that the turntable (70, 71) and said seat shell are rotatable in tandem relative to the cradle (72-75, 79).

- DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-8, 10-20, 22-29, 32-36
  Dependent claims 2-8, 10-20, 22-29, 32-36 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).
- DEPENDENT CLAIMS 9, 21, 30
  The combination of the features of dependent claim 9, 21 and 30, and of the claims dependent from them, is neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the available prior art.